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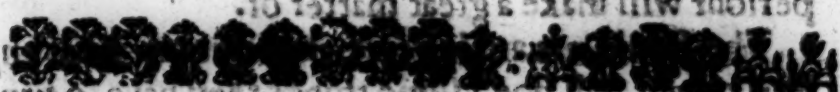
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Worthy Sir,

I Have sent you here inclosed a Copy of
the Votes of the Officers at a Councell
of War, and the Petition of the common
Souldiers, delivered by their Adjutants from
the

the Regiments to the General, since which, the grand Committee of Souldiers have received some further Propositions, which when they are perfected, I will advertise you further of.

There were a party of Souldiers sent from hence to *Holmby*, who had Instructions for setting of a Guard about *Holmby*, to secure his Majesties Person; and we have received advertisements of their performing the same with much modesty, and offering nothing but what becomes loyall Subjects to His Majesty, and they carry themselves very civilly to the Commissioners, who are there by order of both Houses of Parliament with the King, we here that the Commissioners have sent up Captaine *Titus*, one of his Majesties Quearies, with Letters to the Parliament, to acquaint them therewith. Colonnell *Graves*, some say is gone, but of that you will be better satisfied from Captaine *Titus*, who can acquaint you with the small matter of hurt which was at the fray there, which perhaps some ill affected person will make a great matter of.

The Souldiers are in great expectation what the Parliament will doe; some things they have to propound, for ought I see, they will wave part till they here from the Parliament. This is all at present from

Your servant,

Edmond Barry, 3 of June,

1647.

R. CORBET.

Topic: *Parliamentary* *John Knight* *Commander*
in Chief of the Parliament Forces *of 1647*
The Opinion and humble advice of the Council of War assem-
bled at Bury, Saturday 29. May. 1647. In relation to the
Votes of Parliament, communicated to us by your Excellency
and the desires of our advice thereof.

Humbly Sheweth,

1. **T**hat upon the reports come to all quarters of the Army concerning the Votes and proceedings of the House May 21. As also of those on Tuesday, May 25. we find the generallity of the Army (as we are our selves) much unsatisfied in the one, and something amazed and startled at the other, the first Votes (of Friday) comming much short of satisfaction as to the grievances of the Army then reported to the House, and not taking any notice at all of some that were most materiall, & the latter (of Tuesday) importing a resolution suddenly to disband the Army by peace-meale, before equall satisfaction be given to the whole in any of the grievances, or so much as any consideration had of some others most materiall: And also before any effectuall performance of that satisfaction with the Votes of Friday seemed to promise as to some of the grievances, all which we shall be ready (upon a little time given us) to represent to your Excellency, more distinctly and in particular.

2. That the said distraction and the iealousies occasioned upon the same proceeding, as we feare, and some effects already appearing doe find, may unhappily produce dangerous disturbances and tumultuous actings amongst severall parts of the Army, as they now lie dispersed and remote from the Head quarters, especially amongst those Regiments whose principall Officers, by neglecting or distorting their Soldiers in in their necessary contentments or in grievances, have misob-
liged their Soldiers, and lost their interest with them, in so much as such Officers are in some sort forced to withdraw from their charges, and can scarce with safety come at them, & to prevent the inconveniences or ill consequences which such disturbed or tumultuous things might produce either to the country where the Army quarters or to the kingdom,

VVehumbly advise your Excellency without delay, to draw the Army unto a closer posture of quarters, till upon further satisfaction the Army may be quietly and orderly disbanded,

II.

That upon the same dissatisfaction and jealousie, we find an extream earnestnesse, and violent propensity among the Soldiers to a general Randevouze, and wee verily beleeve, that the first attempt to disband any one Regiment, before equal satisfaction to all, and assurance against those things they have cause to feare, will occasion them all to draw together, and Randevouze of themselves, as it were upon an Alarm &c.

III.

Since that course of disbanded the Army by piece meale, before the satisfaction intended be performed equally to the whole, seems something strange and unusuall.

IIII.

That they would be pleased to resume the things voted on Tuesday last, as also to resume the grievances of the Army, together with the things proposed in the Narrative from the Officers, and to give satisfaction, or at least some resolution to each of them, and that they would not think it fit to put that temptation, those jealousies, and that dishonour upon the Army, as to take it disbanded in scattered pieces, before satisfaction be equally given to the whole.

To

To his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax, Knight,
Captaine, Generall of the forces ray-
sed by the Authority of Parliament.

The humble Petition of the Souldiers of the Army, presented to
his Excellency at a Council of Warre, held at Southwicks-
burie on Saturday May 1648

Humbly Sheweth,
That we your Petitioners considering the late Orders for
disbanding the Army without redressing our grievances,
vindicating the Army, or calling to account such persons
who have been intenders, contrivers, and promoters of our
destruction, which (being his reasonablenesse) we humbly de-
ceive we may justly expect, and should not be denyed, therefore
our disbanding, considering also the strange unreasonablenesse, and
unusuall way of disbanding, in a part one Regiment from
another, contrary to the examples of former Actions, disban-
ding in this kingdom, which posture renders us dangerous
to the kingdom, to whom we are bound by our Oaths
(though humble and iust) we have already become declared e-
nemies, and to whom (for ought we know) the rest of our
doing, may be presented with the same considerations.

We your Petitioners humbly beseech your Excellencie,
you would be pleased to appoint a Stande your specially
for the Army, and also to call your utmost endeavours that
it be not disbanded before our fall and pressing grievances
be heard, and fully redressed, which if not done before dis-
banding, wee humbly conceive we shall be enforced upon
many inconveniences, which will (of necessity) arise, in
we (though unwilling) shall be necessitated (for avoyding of
distruction like to fall on the whole Army, if not prevent-
ed) to do such things ourselves, which if your Excellencie
(out of your wisdom and prudence) shall prevent, by
granting our just desires in a way of Order, we shall abun-
dantly joyce in it, and be (with cheerefullnesse) enabled by
it, to subscribe our selves,

Your Excellencies, and the Kingdomes innocent and faithfull
servants, whose names are hereunto annexed, being Agi-
tators in behalfe of the severall Regiments.

Edward Sexby. } Adjutators of the Generals Regiment
 Edward Taylor. } of Horse.
 VVilliam Allen } Lieutenant Generals
 Sam: Whiting } Regiment.
 Tho: Shepherd } Commiffary Generals
 And: Nicklon } Regiment.
 Edward Twigg } Colonel Fleetwoods
 Thomas Jones } Regiment.
 Thomas Kendall } Colonel Whaley
 William Young } Regiment.
 Edward Satter } Colonel Sheffields
 Edward Geddings } Regiment.
 John Willoughby } Colonel Butlers
 Tobias Box } Regiment.
 Thomas Brown } Colonel Sir Robert Pyes
 Barth: W. Ilock } Regiment.
 George Steufon } Colonel Gravel his
 Richard Saker } Regiment.
 Nicholas Lockyer } Colonel Riches
 John Seman } Regiment.
 Edward Vamphand } Of the Generals Regiment
 John Newson } of Foot.
 Robert Mafon } Colonel Wallers
 Henry Anderson } Regiment.
 Nicholas Andrews } Colonel Hanswes
 Ralph Prentice } Regiment.
 Herbert Field } Colonel Lilburnes
 Thomas Walston } Regiment.
 Edward Garth } Colonel Newfons
 Daniel Hincksmans } Regiment.
 William Baker } Colonel Lambarts
 } Regiment.

Your Excellency and the Kingdome interest will be served
 (forasmuch as the matter we have in hand being right
 interest in behalf of the severall Regiments

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